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SUBJECT: SYG WALDHEIM'S PRESS REMARKS ON GENEVA CONFERENCE

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1. UN OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASED JULY 6 EXCEPTS  
FROM SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS TO THE PRESS IN  
GENEVA EARLIER IN THE DAY.

2. QUOTE

SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM MET WITH THE PRESS CORPS IN  
GENEVA AT A WORKING LUNCHEON TODAY.

ASKED ABOUT PROPOSALS BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL,  
MENACHEM BEGIN, AND THE PRESIDENT OF EGYPT, MOHAMMED ANWAR EL  
SADAT, FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE  
MIDDLE EAST BEGINNING ON 10 OCTOBER, MR. WALDHEIM SAID THAT IT  
WAS NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATIONS CAREFULLY FOR THE  
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CONFERENCE.

THE QUESTION AS TO PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION  
ORGANIZATION (PLO), HE NOTED, WAS STILL OPEN, AND OTHER ASPECTS  
WERE UNRESOLVED. IT WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DIFFICULT" TO RESOLVE ALL  
THESE MATTERS IN A BRIEF PERIOD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID, IT WAS  
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT NEGOTIATIONS BE RESUMED THIS YEAR.  
OTHERWISE, THE SITUATION COULD DETERIORATE DRAMATICALLY.

ASKED WHETHER HE CONSIDERED THE TIME TOO SHORT BETWEEN NOW AND  
OCTOBER, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID IT WAS "NO DOUBT" A SHORT  
PERIOD, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, MR. BEGIN WOULD BE VISITING THE  
UNITED STATES FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON  
ON 18 JULY.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID HE WOULD GIVE A WORKING LUNCHEON FOR  
MR. BEGIN ON 22 JULY AFTER HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE  
WELCOMED THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH THE  
PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL.

AS TO RESUMPTION OF TALKS IN GENEVA, HE SAID HE WOULD NOT  
CHARACTERIZE HIS VIEW AS EITHER OPTIMISTIC OR PESSIMISTIC; A  
FINAL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE LIGHT OF  
BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONTACTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

UNQUOTE

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ISRALI MISSION CLARIFIED THAT  
PM BEGIN WILL PAY A COURTESY CALL ON WALDHEIM IN HIS OFFICE;  
NO WORKING LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED.

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